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Government for Students, By Students

Student Government Union moves in new direction

BY COLLIN GOOD
Editor in Chief

The Saint Leo University Student Government Union is one of the biggest organizations on campus. Being one of the biggest organizations, however, doesn't guarantee understanding.

Junior Amanda Cassar, president of the SGU, has made this year's administration's goal to be not only more accessible to students than prior administrations, but to change the way the students view their peers in government.

"We've created a community of love," said Cassar. "Keeping the executive board excited about their purpose, having new programs and new ways of getting students involved in what student government does, and continually addressing the problems of students to create solutions," are the challenges she faces this semester.

Cassar has made it clear that while it is important to review and revise the current governing constitution, adopted in 2002, it is not her top legislative priority this spring.

"During the fall semester, we held a revision day to get feedback from students on the first part of the constitution (through section nine). Since then, it's been put on hold. We're looking at our goals for the spring semester, having a retreat January 22, to re-examine our focus."

When asked, Cassar admitted, "It's clearly out of date."

Despite the attempts of previous administrations to produce a new document, Cassar feels that it's more important to revise "section by section," adding that, "our goal is to get different sections working better. If someone doesn't agree with a certain section, they'll vote no to the entire document. Taking it section by section allows for real revision."

Though pledging to serve the students in the best way possible, Cassar said that constitutional review was not part of her campaign platform, unlike that of her opponent, Joseph Pless, director of programming for WSLU Radio. In an interview with *The Lions' Pride*, Pless admitted that while he sees the constitutional review process going slower than he would like to see, he thinks SGU is headed in the right direction.

"I doubt that the class of 2002 would come back and say how proud they are of their constitution," said Pless. "I don't think that I would change the entire document, because parts of it work. But if everyone tried to follow the rules to a "T", they wouldn't be able to govern with all of the contradictions in the current constitution."

Pless was appointed to the Student Government Union Constitutional Revision and Review Committee in spring 2010, by the previous administration. The Committee of 2010 was given the task of cleaning up the draft presented to them by the previous administration's executive board. That draft was never brought to the floor of the Senate, in any attempt to pass constitutional reform.

Constitutional revision committees have been created as symbolic gestures toward reform for the last three years. Where constitutions have been revised, not a single reform has been passed by the Senate.

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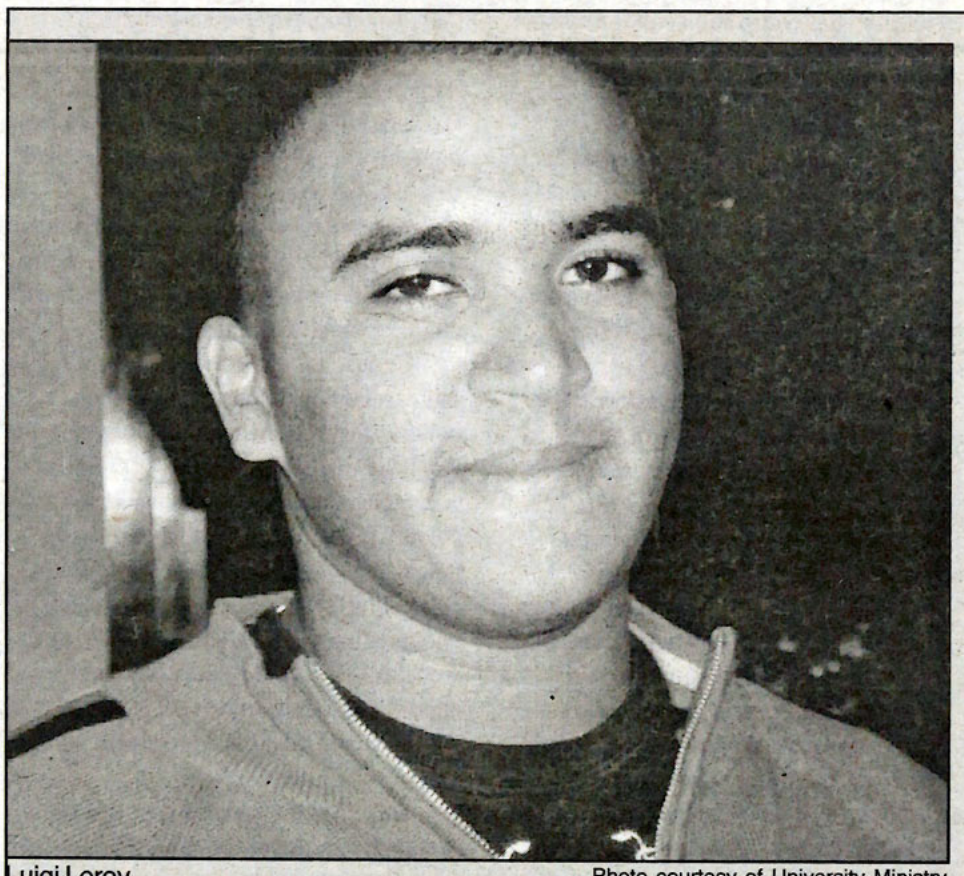

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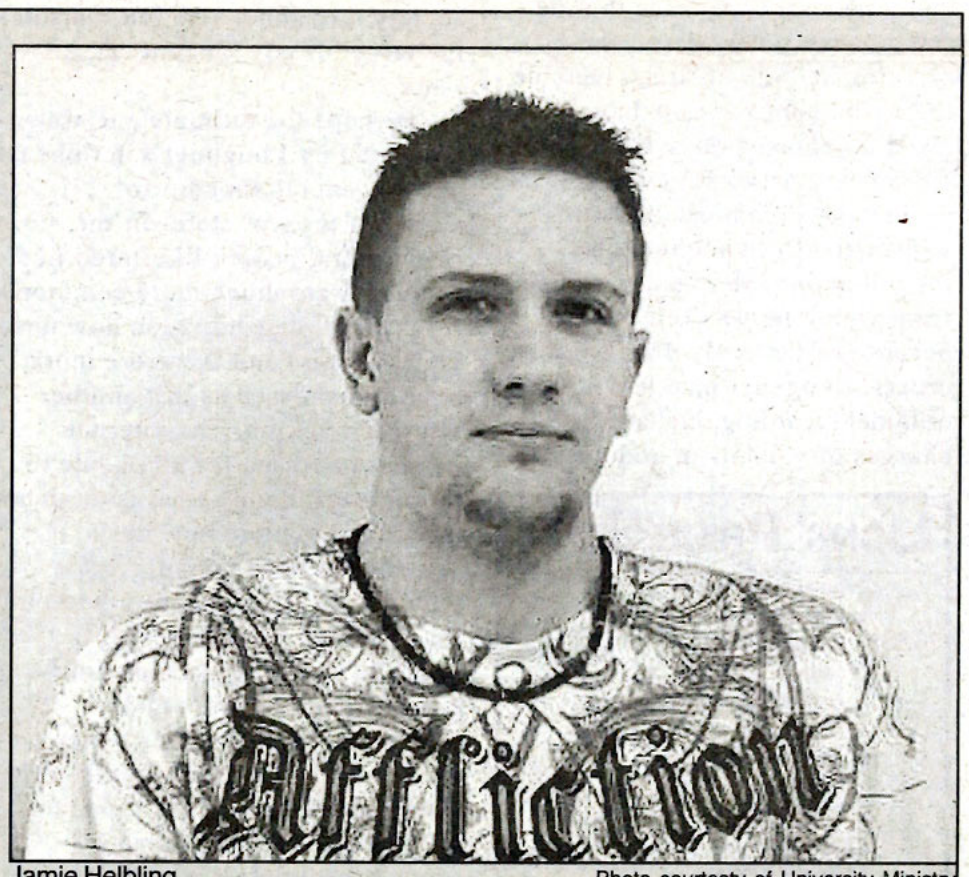

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Community mourns together over tragic losses

Saint Leo University remembers students lost over winter break

BY ANDREW LEVENGOOD
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Over this past winter break, the Saint Leo community lost two students, Jamie Helbling and Luigi Leroy. They were two very different students, each with unique and distinctive personalities, but each was taken too soon.

Luigi, a 20 year old junior and an international student from Haiti, was taken in a car crash on New Year's Eve. University Ministry held a touching memorial for Luigi in the courtyard outside the Student Community Center. Fifty students were in attendance. On January 29, University Ministry will be making a trip to Orlando, where a mass will be held in his honor at 10:30 a.m.

Jamie was a 29 year old sophomore who had gone back to school after spending some years working after high school graduation; he also was a local commuter student. He passed away from complications of a brain concussion on January 29, due to a fall he suffered on December 24. A facebook page remains online as a homage to his life, and his family asks that anyone who has pictures of Jamie to post them on the site. University Ministry held a memorial mass for Jamie in the Abbey church with roughly 150 people in attendance.

Saint Leo University mourns the loss of these two students, and their spirits will not be forgotten.

Opinions

Jared Lee Loughner: society's monster

BY LINDSAY RENNER
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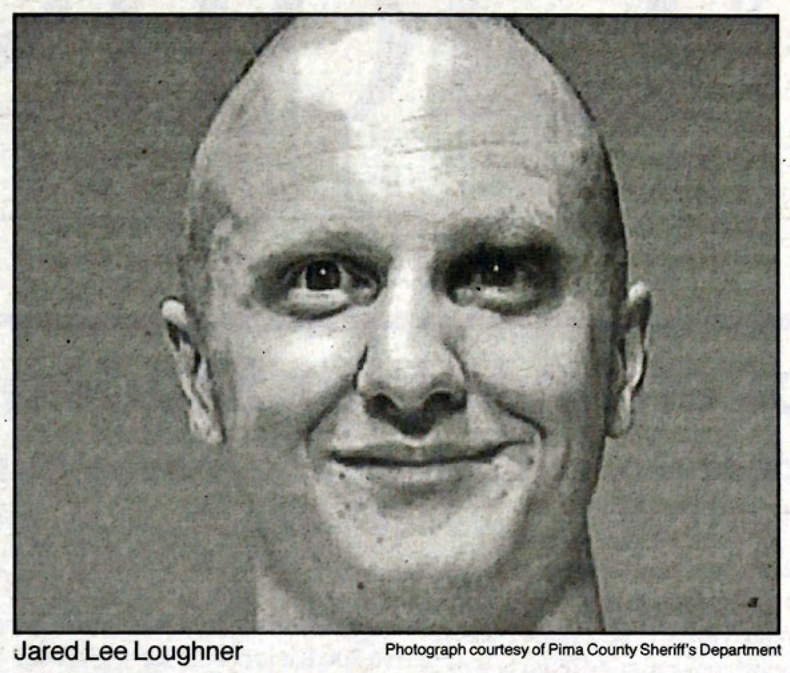
In his mug shot, Jared Lee Loughner appears as the image of evil. His head is shaved and his eyes hold a hint of lunacy that perfectly complements the twisted grin on his face. Loughner, as many know, is charged with the January 8th shooting outside an Arizona grocery store that left six people dead and fourteen more seriously injured, with US Representative Gabrielle Giffords and District Court judge John Roll among the casualties. To many, acts of violence of this magnitude are the product of troubled minds, the sort of minds society would do well to remove from its masses for progress's sake. However, strange as it may be, some do not regard Jared Lee Loughner's case in quite such black and white terms.

The descriptions of Loughner painted by friends and family who knew him before he snapped paint a picture of someone incapable of performing the actions of which he is accused. The boy his friend Zane Guttierez knew was "a nice guy", and by no means a monster: rather, the common sentiment among Loughner's past acquaintances was surprise at his actions and a general consensus that he was not the same person the morning he took up arms. Outside the social context, Loughner's standing appears more troubled. He was known to have behavioral problems which presented him with difficulty in holding jobs, including one job as a dog walker from which he was released because he blatantly disobeyed orders. Loughner also had a criminal recording, including charges of vandalism and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Perhaps the most disturbing feature of Loughner's background lies in his educational history, and general young adulthood. While studying at Pima Community College, Loughner's behavior became increasingly more erratic. He was removed from the premises several times for creating disturbances, and shot a YouTube video in which he walked around his campus calling it "unconstitutional" and a "genocide school", among other things. The video, roughly four minutes in length, never shows Loughner's face, leaving the viewer to focus on the disturbing nature of his rant. From this video alone, it is easy to see how one of his professors considered him a potential perpetrator of a school shooting.

The video shot on Loughner's campus was not the only indication of his potential threat level. On social networking forums such as MySpace, Loughner professed a hatred of government and a love of freedom of thought. Another such video, simply entitled "Hello", is little more than a PowerPoint of Loughner's political leanings and rantings. He expresses a fear that he has no civil rights, as well as a general disdain for the majority of society. Loughner also felt himself the target of government surveillance.

Perhaps the ultimate question presented by Loughner's actions is one of general concern for society's present state. In the modern era, people like Jared Lee Loughner are much more common (or present, depending on how one views things) and therefore more readily dismissed as just another internet wackjob. The internet provides a forum for all people to let the world know what is on their minds and explore new ideas. Whether or not Loughner's life would have taken this turn without the presence of the internet is tough to say. However, one must acknowledge the fact that Loughner's disturbances were very, very real and apparently very well hidden. This is not cause for everyone to become paranoid around the quietest people, nor is it license for society to become dismissive of its influence on the individual. Everyone on earth is a product of society. Loughner should be understood, but not exempt.



Jared Lee Loughner

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Classic Twain novel to be censored yet again

BY GREG ROBINSON
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Some literary classics have been the target of criticism and scorn due to their controversial subject matter and sensitive dialogue. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain's classic tale about the literal and figurative journey of a boy and an escaped slave, is being released in an updated and edited version where the n-word has been replaced with the word slave, and the word Injun has been replaced with Indian. It will be released in a companion volume with an edited version of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.* The changes have ignited a censorship debate amongst scholars, teachers, students, and aficionados of literature everywhere.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn is one of the most contentious books in American history. Twain's novel has been criticized for its off-color language since it was originally published in 1884. Some scholars consider it a classic and the zenith of American literary prowess. Others argue that the novel's racist yet historically accurate language is not didactic enough and promotes improper values. These individuals believe that younger students reading the novel might not understand the context of the dialogue and find it acceptable to start using racial slurs.

The man responsible for the edited version of the novel is renown Twain scholar Alan Gribben. He concedes that removing the word doesn't remove the racism inherent in the novel, but argues that it provides educators with an alternative option if they don't feel comfortable teaching with the uncensored text.

Mr. Gribben is a scholar and important historian on Mark Twain's life, and certainly has a valid reason for providing an edited version of the text. Shouldn't he be allowed to provide educators with this alternative? Although Mr. Gribben's aspirations are laudable, there are several issues his alterations don't address.

First, it is important to examine the threat this novel presents. The chance of a teenager encountering racism for the first time in a copy of *Huckleberry Finn* is unlikely. It is no secret that teenagers and adolescents of all ages largely prefer television, the internet, and video games to reading. Isn't it more likely that most of their exposure to violence, sexual behavior, coarse language, and racism will come from digital media and television programs? According to kidshealth.org, the average American child witnesses 200,000 acts of violence on television by the time they reach high school age. Also, the media presented on television promotes stereotypical depictions of race and gender and reinforces these in children, whereas literature such as *Huckleberry Finn* could be explained and comprehended in the classroom.

Context is the biggest issue surrounding this new edition of the novel. Gribben believes that young minds encountering the language for the first time will not be able to comprehend the racist language in the text. However, the novel is almost universally taught in public high schools. Is Gribben suggesting that educators are not qualified enough to teach basic U.S. history to their students? Or that the students are not smart enough to comprehend the time period of the novel and why the n-word was acceptable?

Whatever the case may be, it is unwise to shield students and adolescents from great literature because of fear of misunderstanding. If we believe that they are too naive to comprehend racism and do not try to teach what is morally acceptable, then they will be forced to decide for themselves, based on the negative depictions of race in the media. Have we lost so much faith in our education system that we no longer believe it capable of teaching right and wrong to a group of teenagers?

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Keep your government hands off of my Medicare!

BY COLLIN GOOD
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Last week, the United States House of Representatives, under the leadership of Speaker John A. Boehner, voted to repeal last year's Affordable Care Act, signed into law in March 2010. While the Republican Party, quickly settling into their renewed role as the majority party, was able to deliver their promise to the American people that they would successfully repeal the ACA, the gesture was little more than symbolic, catering to those of their base that elected them this time, but could so easily turn against them.

The American voters that have deemed themselves members of the Tea Party are no more united than either the Republican or Democratic parties, but for a third party in American politics, they're the loudest outside group to get national attention in some time.

From my campaign experience this fall, the first encounter I've had with true Tea Partiers, I've found that though they've given one house the majority, it's easy to see them switching sides in the next election.

I'm not a fan of the Tea Party, but I respect their purpose, and I support their right to speak their minds. But when a group of people gets together for the purpose of change, and stands by candidates that have spent decades in the Washington spotlight, it's somewhat hypocritical.

When I spoke with members of the Tea Party at their doors, they were so anti-incumbent, that became their driving force. But what happens when the anti-incumbent movement rears its head at the new House majority?

Speaker Boehner made it clear that a goal of the Republican Party this Congress was to support the ideals of the American people. Turns out, more people support the healthcare reforms that were passed last March now than they did in November.

The Affordable Care Act gives coverage to nearly all Americans. The Act gets rid of the idea that if you are already sick, you can't buy health insurance, it lets young adults stay on their parents' coverage until the age of 26, and it allows for more Americans to have access to health insurance than ever before. But that wasn't how the Republicans saw it, and that's not how it was portrayed in the media.

While the ACA has its downfalls, it extends coverage of medical insurance to mental health, rather than just physical health. I find it hard to believe that anyone today would argue that it's more important to fix a deviated septum than it is to give peace of mind to someone who may need help finding it.

One proponent of repeal, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer, a Republican, has been an outspoken critic of the law from its first days of the bill hitting the floor. Claiming death panels would be created, allowing government oversight in planning deaths of senior citizens, Gov. Brewer couldn't have been more wrong. While the ACA allows for planning with doctors for end-of-life treatment, the act hardly allows Kevorkian-esque deaths.

In fact, Governor Brewer has taken herself a turn toward death panels, when the state of Arizona has denied paying for life-saving transplant surgeries for those who cannot afford it with their current insurance coverage. An ongoing story, these people have had their life placed before the State of Arizona, and the State has turned away from them.

While Governor Brewer has spent years in the Arizona Legislature as a proponent of mental health improvement and education, her work as Governor has been a huge detriment to the mental health professionals that allow for afflicted patients to live a normal life. Coverage for mental health care is provided, more than ever before, in the Affordable Care Act, yet Governor Brewer stands against it, with those Tea Party Constitutionalists that believe it's a government takeover.

Let's see if they stand by her when she faces re-election.

The American political process is one of the greatest institutions in history. Yet when the officials elected by the masses cater to their loudest, least educated audience, true progress is taken off of the table.

Speaker Boehner, I hope that someday, you'll use that oversized gavel you so proudly accepted from Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, the new House Minority Leader, to work with the Democratic minority and spend time on something that actually benefits the American people.

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"It's really just ad hoc when you go to a Senate meeting. It breeds an environment where nothing gets done," opines Pless.

But constitutional reform is just one aspect of SGU this year. Cassar believes they have made great strides, helping to improve situations directly affecting students.

"I think we've advanced in the parking situation – the lines being cleared up have been a big issue. We've talked to people to get the internet to a better level. We've held people accountable to their duties in representing student organizations, and we're teaching people how to be treated with respect for their organizations, a little bit of work, not just handed to them."

Cassar and her administration have worked diligently to improve the way students view organizations on campus, stating that, "students want to find a purpose and want to be appreciated on campus. This semester we have a week long program in February to do just that – to appreciate all members of the Saint Leo community and celebrate who they are and what they do for the university."

"I've learned a lot about my leadership style, working with others, working through problems, not around problems," she says.

The Student Government Union has a chance to retain four of five members, with only one graduating member.

In the fashion of a true politician, when asked if she plans to seek a second term, only one word was needed: "Yes."

Had a Term From Hell? Get in Line

BY DANA JENNINGS
Lions' Pride Opinion Editor

When the halls reopened and the merry had made their merry way back from wherever they came from, it is a good time to reflect on the concluded hell of a semester that everyone has had and look forward to the bliss that is this term. Whether this semester is your last or only your second, it is within your power to make it Eden or Hades.

If anyone took the time to calculate all of the conversations on campus during finals last semester, 97.4 percent would have been either about doing a research paper/project or lamenting and ruing (which are complicated words for whining and crying) the anticipated work that the person was procrastinating (we all know this word all too well) from doing. Another 2.5 percent of the conversations would have been about either sports or the newest hot TV show. The remaining 0.1 percent would be the two conversations I heard the other day about whether it is proper etiquette to put down a drink before or after something idiotic is attempted; in one of the conversations it was specifically trying to trim a hedge with a push lawnmower. By the way, don't do that.

The point of my hypothetical and satirical (those are complicated words for a guesstimation "because I have no idea about the true numbers" and, I hope, funnily mocking) survey is to give some perspective into the stress that every student here at Saint Leo University and every other higher education institution runs into at the end of every semester. It is called higher education for a reason, and not the reason that gives students the 3A.M. munchies. If a semester were "easy," the students wouldn't learn to think critically and push themselves beyond their comfort zones.

That being said, students routinely refer to terms as "Hell" and professors as "Lucifer" or "Satan." This is merely an exaggeration. Looking back, my best professors were the hardest and demanded the best from me, never accepting second-rate work. When I graduate I will be learned (which is an egotistical way of saying I can sip wine and eat cheese and crackers with other learned people and we can discuss important things). What it truly means, is that I will have built lasting relationships with intelligent and hard-working people who I can collaborate and network with to try to change the world in my "humble" fashion (by taking it over and changing the laws to reflect common sense, such as requiring all electronics companies to use the same power plug to all of their devices like cell phones and computers, or face Chinese water torture).

This spring term will be stressful, just as this last term was and the term before that and so on. Don't fret though, good Saint Leo patron, for even with stress, you can find a way to happiness. The path to happiness is through perception and preparation.

Firstly, students need to recognize, as I have shown, that the stress will come, and the agony associated with it will be severe. Once you know that, and can see that in 5, 10, or 68 years from now you will look back on this time and smile, envisioning the youth, innocence, and true learning you received here.

Secondly (professors will love me for this), nothing can get you through this semester better and with less stress than to prepare yourself both mentally and academically for it. Saint Leo University offered approximately one month of time between the last day of finals and the first day of spring classes. Students can (and did) misuse this time to slack off, sleep in, and most deliberately do absolutely nothing. Or if you don't like the feeling of impending doom hanging over you like a cloud of angry malevolence (that means the "Oh dang" feeling you had during finals as seemingly all of your projects were due tomorrow or the next day), you can get ahead during the slow time of early semester and start on projects, reading, research, and papers (I know, you hate me. It's ok).

Enjoy the semester, as I hope you have enjoyed this fun editorial (that's newspaper talk for "Please don't send us hate mail because this is only this journalist's opinion"). If you did slack off over the break and don't do anything about it soon, don't be surprised if in April you have high blood pressure from stress and projects that all come upon you at once.

Crerand assumes director position of honors program

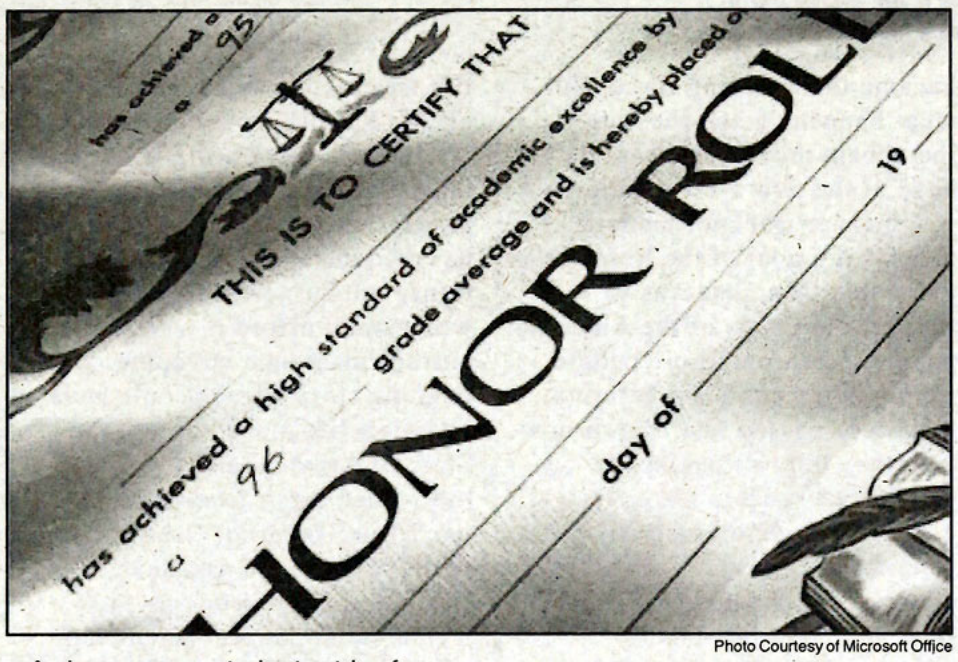
BY GLORYS DE JESUS
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Dr. Patrick Crerand from the department of English, Humanities, and Fine Arts is now the new Director of the Honors Program. Many students are unaware of the Honors Program that Saint Leo has to offer. Students have six courses they must take within their first three years here. These classes are even smaller than the ones already experienced here by students. They involve a little more writing than the average course and have many team projects.

"Though being difficult sometimes, it is a challenge that is well worth the time and effort," said sophomore Katie Gwinn, a biology major who is an Honors student.

Another honors student, sophomore Sumira Salim, a Biology major, expressed her gratitude for the program also.

"I was enrolled to the Honors Program because of my SAT scores. The classes can be difficult but they help expand the thinking process on certain subjects. Crerand is a great teacher and I've learned a lot from him. I am very excited to see how the program expands," said Salim. She spoke of her great experiences, community service work, and the large



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An honor many students strive for

amount of knowledge she has gained from the Honors Program.

All Honors students are provided with a free laptop to accompany their courses. Along with the classes, Honors students also make time to participate in special community service and national and international service opportunities. In the past, they have worked on Veterans Day to help clean up and landscape a veteran cemetery. Along with the perks, Honors students can also participate in undergraduate research projects with Saint Leo University faculty. Students also graduate with a Saint Leo University Honors medallion to wear proudly on graduation day.

The six courses required for Honors students to take are Classical World View, Christian Vision, Humanistic Tradition, Scientific Revolutions, Human Condition Reexamined, Modern World View, Special Topics, Honors Research Methods, and Senior Honors Project.

"The classes tie in aspects of the real world with Saint Leo's core values in order to produce well-rounded students, and graduating from a university with Honors is a great thing on one's resume. Under Crerand's direction, Saint Leo's Honor students are getting the best education possible," said Gwinn.

When interviewed, Crerand explained the changes he planned on making to the program. He has extended an invitation to the new Saint Leo faculty to teach in the Honors Program. Professors Tkacik, Woodard, and Alaimo are all new to teaching the Christian Vision course. Dr. Ellis has also joined, and will be teaching Scientific Revolutions, and Dr. Draves and Crerand himself are teaching Modern World View. Crerand is also planning a visit to the City of Text conference in hopes of bringing the program to our Saint Leo campus and the Honors program. As for current Honors students, he plans on bringing more travel and service components to the program. With this idea, he is looking for Honors students who seek leadership roles or who want to help organize trips and service events. If any Honors students are interested, please email Dr. Crerand. A trip to the Dali museum is on the way soon also.

The bigger changes are coming for the prospective Saint Leo students looking to join the Honors Program. Dr. Crerand is planning on increasing the standards to qualify for the program. Now, a writing sample and letter of recommendation are required along with meeting the test scores and GPA requirement. He says he will more than likely be raising the GPA requirements to 3.5 and also the SAT scores requirement to 1100. He wants these new requirements to give Saint Leo a more competitive group of students in the approaching semesters. If any students seek to join the program, do not hesitate to contact Crerand.

Has Spring Fling already flung?

BY COLLIN GOOD
Lions' Pride Editor in Chief

For the last several years, Saint Leo University's Campus Activities Board, or CAB, has hosted the annual Spring Fling – a concert aimed at bringing students together to enjoy music and a carnival-like atmosphere on campus, with only Saint Leo students allowed to attend.

This year, significant changes have come to Spring Fling. After low attendance, despite high prices for bands, administrators in charge of budgeting for the event have put stipulation on the funding, particularly on the band selection, while simultaneously increasing the event's budget.

The Campus Activities Board is run by Michael Castronuovo, a junior, and the sitting Student Government Union Vice President of Activities. The VPA is the de facto president of CAB, while three paid CAB Assistants and numerous volunteer "cabbies" help facilitate almost all on and off-campus events for students.

In an interview with Castronuovo he shared details of how Spring Fling is changing direction this year.

"Spring Fling will be held in the "bowl", with a comedian the evening of March 4, followed by a two-part event on March 5. Saturday will include a Tampa Disk Jockey playing alongside a carnival atmosphere of multiple novelty items and vendors on display. We're also looking into having a foam party pit," said Castronuovo. "The evening events will host a carnival with rides, food vendors, and a stage for live music."

For the first time since 2008, CAB will not host a live performance by a major artist. CAB made a pre-emptive move, citing that the amount of money spent to bring live bands didn't live up to the core values of the University, despite growing attendance in past years.

"It was a collective discussion when looking at the previous events," said Stanley Kaszuba, Associate Director of Campus Life for Student Involvement, advisor to the Campus Activities Board. "It was initiated on the administrative level, but not one person – looking at past shows and despite the attendance at those shows that was significant, when you broke down the cost per student it was a lot higher than what is probably should be, especially when looking at how we're supposed to be responsible stewards in looking at the budget."

While there are no set stipulations on how Campus Activities Board spends their budget, major events are earmarked just after July 1, when the University's fiscal year begins.

"We start planning and reserving tickets at the beginning of the fiscal year, and we earmark money in the budget for fall festival, winter formal, and spring fling," said Kaszuba.

The Campus Activities Board's budget is comprised of a percentage of the Student Activities Fee, charged to all students who attend University Campus. Kaszuba made it clear, "we don't see all of that money: a portion goes to the Student Government Union operations and finance committee budgets, and the rest is distributed among other budgets."

The current Student Activities Fee is set at $175 per semester.

The CAB is one board who has almost complete autonomy on budgeting. A student-run organization, the Board is allowed to budget according to the will of the executive board, though an advisor can step in at any time.

The era of live bands at Saint Leo for Spring Fling is not dead, however. CAB has been able to successfully market acts like Natalie Stovall, who will be performing again this year. Though the direction has changed, Castronuovo believes this event will draw more students than previous years.

"We've got music playing that everyone likes, without spending thousands on just one act to fill the afternoon. We're able to bring in more food vendors, more crafts and novelties, and really create a carnival atmosphere, bringing it in the direction that CAB had been moving in for a few years. I encourage all students to come out to Spring Fling, and all CAB events throughout the semester."

Spring Fling will be held March 4 and 5, and is open only to Saint Leo students. Any tickets for CAB events can be purchased online at saintleotickets.com.

Rich Zvosec speaks to students about the avoided question

BY JESSICA PALL
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"What are your plans after graduating?" said speaker Rich Zvosec to the room of junior and senior student athletes.

Only a few students raised their hands with a reply.

"I don't care what your answer is as long as you have an answer," said Zvosec. "If you don't know where you're going, how are you going to get there?"

Zvosec spoke to Saint Leo athletes Monday, January 17. The freshman and sophomores listened to his talk earlier while the older athletes went at 8:45 p.m.

Zvosec, referred to as Coach Z, has an impressive resume. At 27, Zvosec became the country's youngest head men's Division I basketball coach at Saint Francis University in New York and soon after starting was named Northeast Conference Coach. Zvosec was also the head men's basketball coach at the University of North Florida and University of Missouri in Kansas City. Additionally, he has been an analyst on both ESPN and CBS College Sports and has written two books.

Growing up in a small town in Ohio, members of his community never believed he would become a college coach. However, Zvosec achieved his goal.

"Don't listen to someone who says you can't do something," said Zvosec. "Overcoming the negative is important".

Zvosec told students that the first step in assessing one's career goals is to identify what he or she is passionate or excited about. Second, one has to see the goal in their mind. Called visualization, this is an important technique often used by coaches and Zvosec encouraged students to apply the same strategy in planning their career.

The next step after deciding one's goals is to determine how to get there. Zvosec recommended that students asked professionals in their field the key to their success. Before becoming a college basketball coach, Zvosec said he sent a letter to the three best college basketball coaches at his time, asking their advice on how to become a college coach. All three responded, and Zvosec said their advice helped him get on the right track.

After seeking advice, students need to identify the steps to pursue their chosen career in order to develop a game plan. Writing everything down is important.

"70 percent of those who write their goals down succeed," said Zvosec.

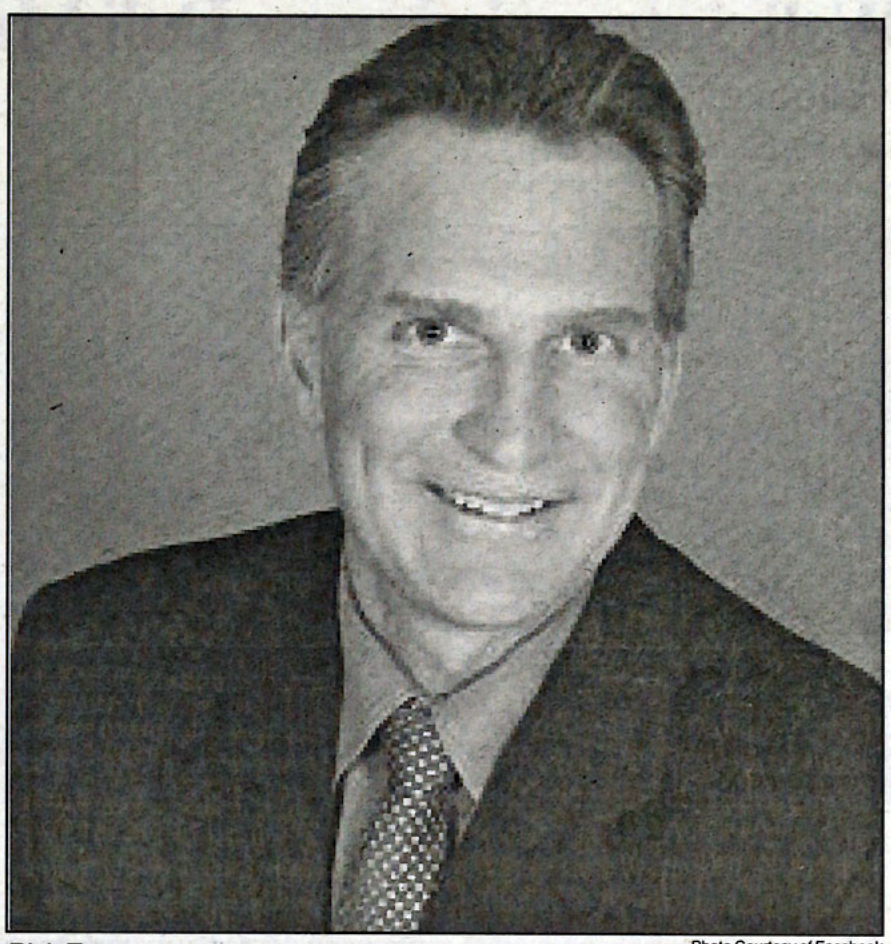
One way to differentiate a graduate from other qualified professionals is branding.

Zvosec asked the audience for their interpretation of this term.

"You have to sell it to yourself first," said basketball senior Matt Salay. Determining how one is different and then embracing that uniqueness and selling it to others will help make one both memorable and employable.

However, Zvosec confirmed that the reality is that it is not about what you know but who you know.

Thus, networking, a buzz word on college campuses, is important. One's network is built through relationships with fellow students, alumni, parent's friends, and staff.



Rich Zvosec
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Another key element is creating a business card.

"I won't read a resume that someone hands me at a networking event, but I will contact someone who gives me a business card," said Zvosec. He suggested that current students include the date of one's graduation on the card as well, to be fair to the prospective employers and contacts.

Other tips Zvosec gave is be Mr. or Ms. Positive when going for interview. Employers tend to hire those with positive attitudes, regardless of interview performance.

Essentially, make smart decisions when going for an interview. Simple, but obvious aptitude will pay off in the long run. For example, don't go to an interview with flip-flops and a business suit, don't conduct a phone interview in the bathroom, and don't use Dungeons and Dragons references when talking to a prospective employer.

Finally, always follow up on an interview with a phone call, letter, or e-mail. Taking the extra step will continue one's effort to brand themselves.

"It is essential to have the ability to tell who you are and what you want," said Zvosec.

Whether the students in the audience had heard it all before or learned something new that night, all left with fresh perspective on how to successfully plan their future.

"I thought he gave great advice, and his stories were exceptional," said Lions' swimmer Chris Tamez.

Zodiac controversy:who are you?

BY CARSON HOLTON
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Recently, a rumor went around causing many people to post upset statuses on Facebook, to check out the prices of tattoo removals, and to question the very meaning of their lives. Is the zodiac rumor true? The answer depends on which zodiac system each person follows.

About 3,000 years ago, the study of stars began. In this study, people of this ancient time determined that out of about 50 constellations they observed, 18 of them were worthy to become the signs of the zodiac, and they narrowed the signs down to the 12 we know today according to astrologer Susan Miller.

Astronomer Parke Kunkel said to the Star Tribune that the constellations have shifted as the Earth's tilt changed position over thousands of years. The reason that this is news to everyone is because people didn't think of changing the horoscopes along with the shifting constellations.

"The shift is caused by precession, the wobble in the Earth's axis caused by the gravitational attraction of the moon to the Earth's equator... the Earth is like a wobbly top. As it rotates, its axis swings in a circle, pointing in different directions. As the Earth's position shifts, so does our perspective of the night sky," Stephanie Pappas, a senior writer, said on the LiveScience website.

Whether signs have changed depends on which zodiac style an individual wishes to adopt. The Eastern style of zodiac focuses on how people connect with the constellations, thus, their zodiac sign. People who stay true to this style will be affected by the recent zodiac revision. The Eastern population that follows this zodiac mostly includes Asian countries.

The Western zodiac is concerned with the changing of the seasons to determine where zodiac signs belong. Most people in America have adopted this interpretation. Since the seasons on the calendar haven't shifted for anyone, the Western zodiac remains as it always has been.

"I just feel really badly for people who had their zodiac tattooed on their bodies, and then freaked out when they thought their zodiac had changed," said senior Meahgan Jameyson.

"Even if the astrological signs were stable, there's no evidence the stars have anything to do with people's day-to-day existence. One 2006 study published in the journal Personality and Individual Differences used data from more than 15,000 people and found no relationship between date of birth and personality," said Pappas on LiveScience website.

Many people still believe in the zodiac. For those Eastern zodiac faithfuls, this new public realization will have them adopt the sign for a month before their birthday. For everyone else, the news is a false alarm, and they can keep their sign.

Arts & Entertainment

Walk into weird: new Dali Museum in St. Petersburg

BY BROOKE KING

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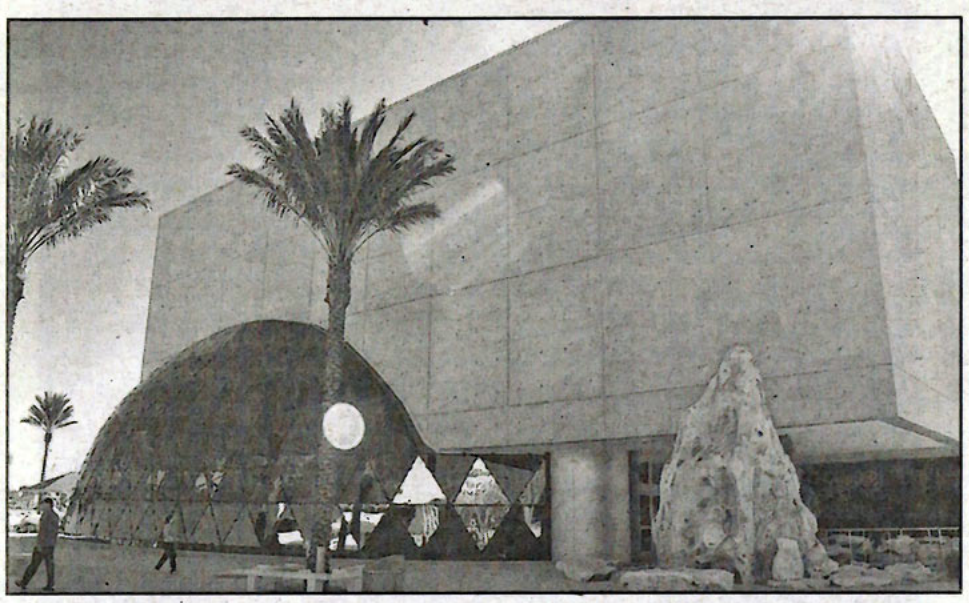
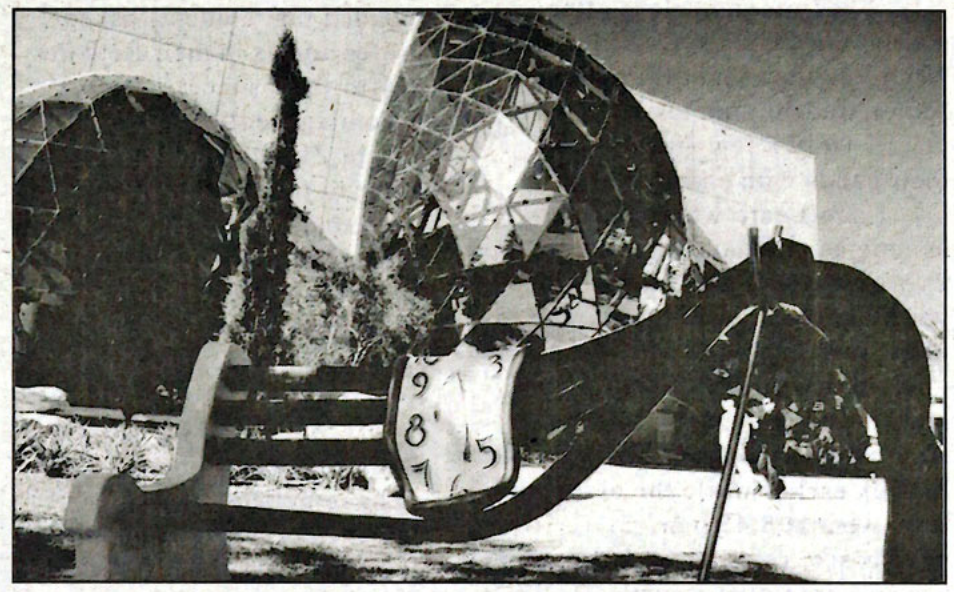
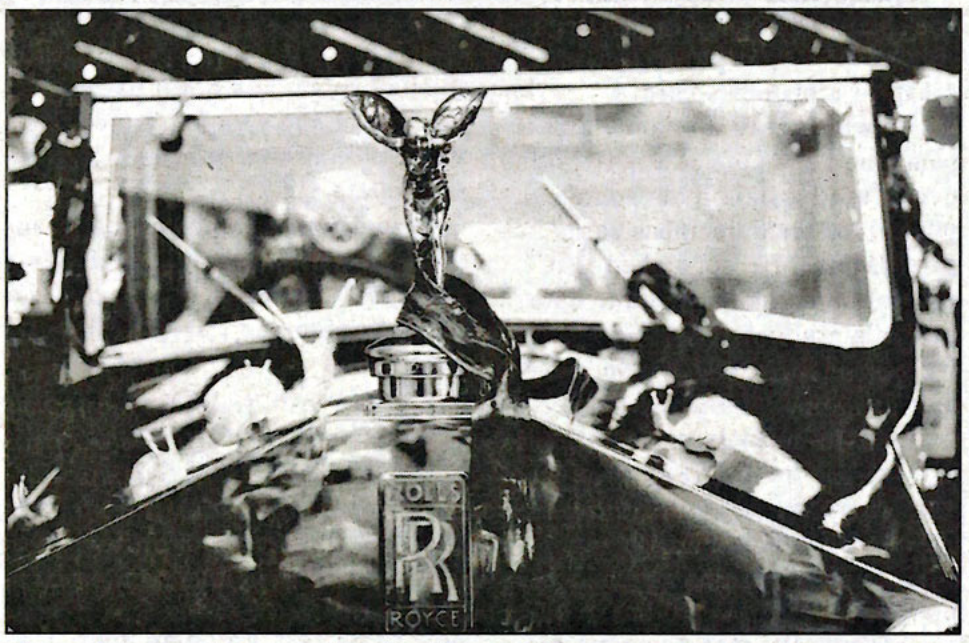


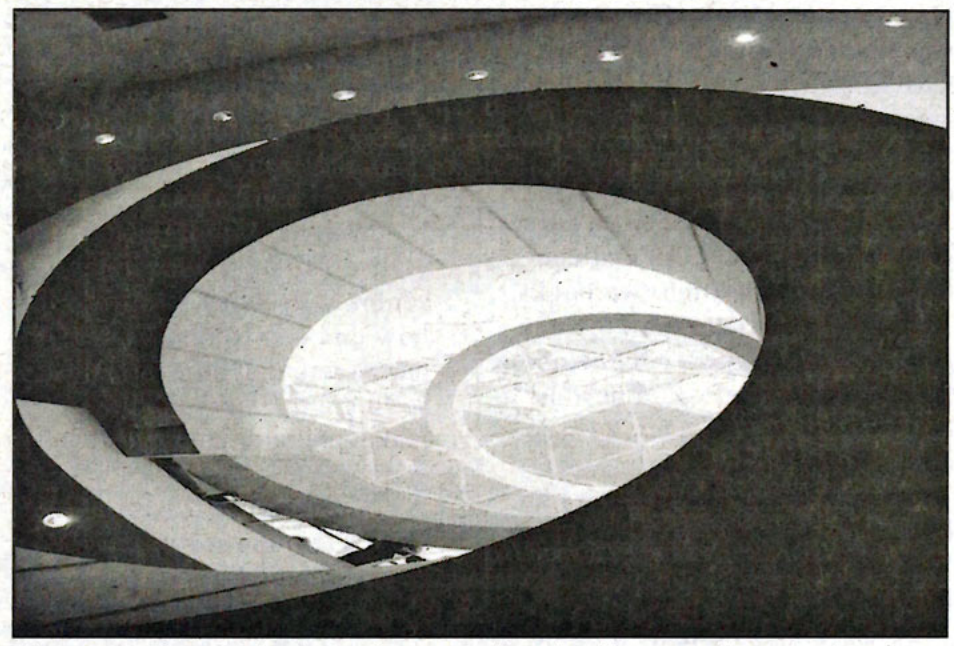
The outside, side view of the new Dali Museum.



A view of the back of the museum's "Glass Enigma" and the scultpure "The Melting Clock Bench."



The center sculpture on the first floor of the museum.



The ascending "Spiral Staircase" that leads to nowhere captures the essence of the Dali museum.

From afar, the new Salvador Dali Museum in St. Petersburg looks like any other concrete building. However, upon closer inspection, one may observe a unique work of art that can only be described as a true representation and tribute to the artist.

Outside the museum stands a charming patio and garden area, which at first glance looks like a regular courtyard. However, as well as all things Dali, things are not as they appear to be. Within the courtyard itself, resides a twisted and augmented tree that stands in front of a path leading into a maze. The maze center reveals a large upright bush that towers twelve feet into the air. Along with a statue of a mangled bench with a melting clock falling off it, the courtyard offers an outside seating area with canopied tables and chairs. The structure itself is an architectural revolution in design, leaving the north face of the building bubbled several times with 900 misshapen triangular glass panels, nicknamed the "Glass Enigma."

"It was enlivened with a geodesic oculum by Novum Structures, which engineered and installed the free-formed glass exterior," said Hank Hine, the museum's Director, in a press release from January 11.

The design itself has no two panels that are alike, giving from the inside a unique look out at the bay of St. Petersburg. Famous architect Yann Weymouth designed the building.

A step into building reveals a museum immersed in the vision of Dali. The gift shop is directly after the entrance and is as equally bizarre as the outside of the museum. Within the shop stands a large blue and orange giraffe covered in lights, and an oversized praying mantis hanging from the ceiling. Replica Dali paintings line the gift shop walls, as well as posters and other trinkets to buy. Toward the ticket counter lies an old Rolls Royce with a mermaid in the back seat and a submarine diver as the chauffer. As water rains down on the inside of the car, sounds of a thunder storm can be heard by dispensing 25 cents into a coin slot adjacent the car.

The museum itself is 15,000 square feet and three stories high. The first floor consists of the main entrance to the museum, the museum gift shop, the ticketing counters, a small cafe, community room, Theater, classroom, and of course the garden outside. The second floor is mainly comprised of a large library, which is open to the public by appointment only and is used almost exclusively for special research. The museum has both an elevator and true to Dali form, the museum features a narrow oddly shaped winding staircase (located on the first floor) that leads to the third floor where the Atrium, Collection Galleries, Special Exhibition Gallery, Video Room, and Education Gallery are located. The galleries themselves feature movies of movies of Dali interviews and movie clips of him painting projected on one wall in each main gallery room.

" The museum hosts the largest collection of Dali's work outside of Spain, including eight masterworks and 96 oil paintings," said Cindy Cockburn, Director of Public Relations and Media for the Dali Museum " We currently have a total of 2,140 Dali paintings, prints, sculptures and drawings."

The origin of the collection was donated by A. Reynolds Morse and his wide Eleanor, who were friends of Salvador Dali for 45 years. According to Dalimuseum.org, the new museum was created in order to preserve and protect the large collection of Dali art, as well as create more space to display the collection.

The new Dali Museum is twice the size of the old museum and is specifically designed to house only Dali's work. It is also specially designed to protect the work from the elements, such as flooding. The Dali Museum's unique design and features, as well as the possession of the largest collection of Dali in North America, makes it a potentially popular tourist destination.

The Dali Museum is located eight blocks north of the old museum with a new address: One Dali Blvd. St. Petersburg. Admission to the museum for students is $15 (with student ID) and $21 for Adults. For information on hours of operation, log onto the museum website at www.thedali.org.

Reasons to serve

BY CHERALYN BARRINGTON
Lions' Pride Layout Editor

Wooden tile floors had been laid, and the black, gooey adhesive was coming up through the cracks of each tile, making the otherwise pristine brown floor dingy and black. The walls of all four hallways were in need of dusting, and a large, wonderful plaster tree needed a thick coat of brown paint. All of these tasks needed to be completed by the next day at the daycare I and about seven peers volunteered on Community Service Day. The couple who own the daycare had been working hard all weekend to make their daycare look excellent for over 60 children who regularly attend and would be there the next day.

Time was winding down and without the help of volunteers there would have only been the couple and perhaps one of their close friends to assist with all of the work. Luckily with the help of the volunteers, we were able to restore the floors to beautiful, shiny wood, leave the walls gleaming, and finish the innovative plaster tree for the children to play in. It's extremely refreshing to see how much a group, even a small one, can accomplish in a few small hours. With our three hours of community service work, the group's efforts affected not only the daycare owners, but also the 60 plus children who spend their days there. Our efforts will also affect the children who will attend the daycare in the future.

Those three hours of work seem like nothing when compared with how many people our community service assisted. In addition to helping out in my community, I got the chance to bond with my peers. While on my hands and knees and covered in floor adhesive and water, I really got a chance to bond with my fellow community-servers. Doing a good deed with others is a stand-alone experience. I've participated in three community service days, and have done a lot of service work elsewhere, and each time it's been extremely rewarding. Just knowing that a few of my hours can do so much to help someone else is a heart-warming feeling. Physically serving is not the only way to serve the community, either. I frequently clean out my closet for clothing I no longer wear and it gets brought to a nearby church to see if anyone in need would like it. Whenever people at the church can't use them, they get donated to Goodwill. A good rule of thumb is whenever a new clothing item is purchased, donate another. This helps others, but also keeps your closet clean. Also occasionally donating to a food bank is a nice gesture.

There are many people around the world who are in need, but it's not always easy to hop on a plane and go serve them. However, it is easy to help out a neighbor or someone else nearby who needs clothing or can't afford dinner. Chances are, many people nearby are starving or suffering in some way and even a small portion of our time and effort could really help them out. If more people began helping their fellow man and woman, imagine the loving community we could live in. After all, community service is for the community, and charity starts at home.

Down and dirty for Community Service Day

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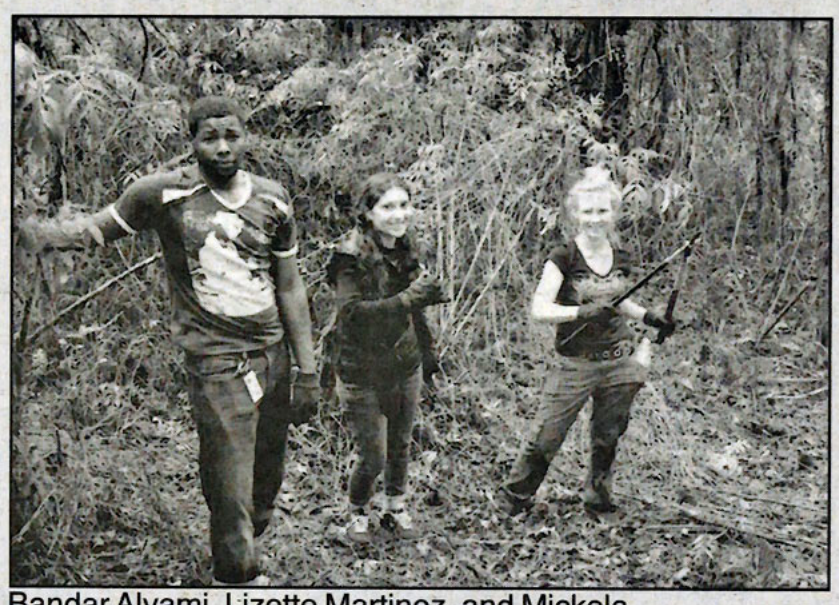
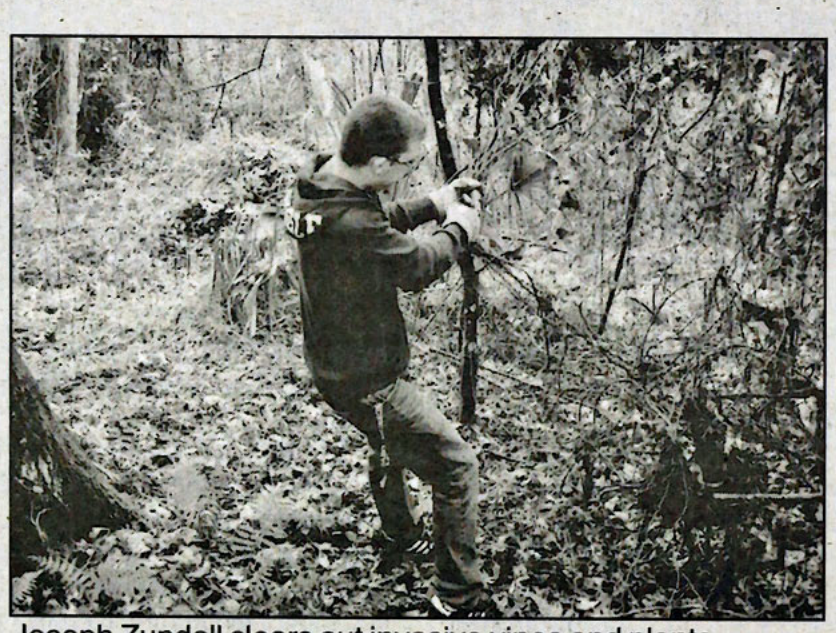
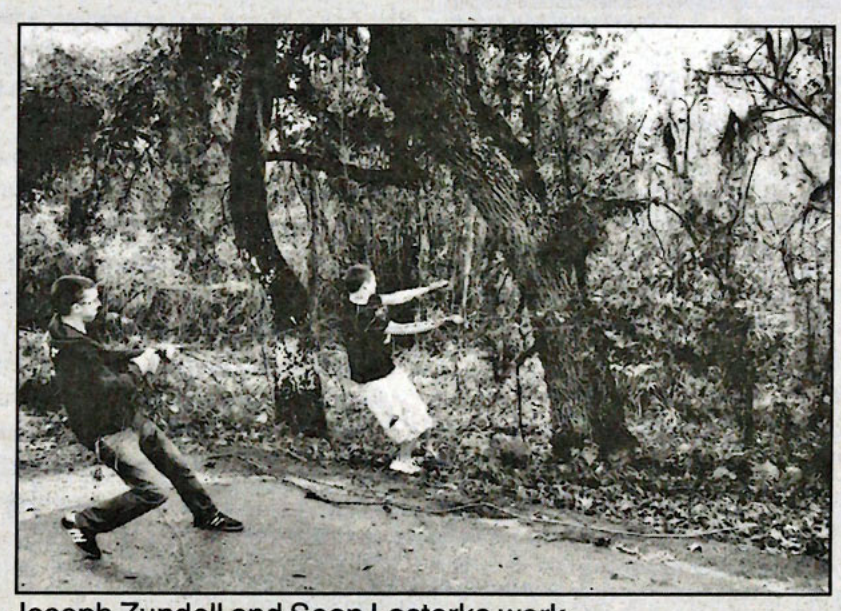


Bandar Alyami, Lizette Martinez, and Mickela Engelsen represent Saint Leo at Lakewood Retreat.

The group cleared out enough brush to load the truck several times.



Joseph Zundell clears out invasive vines and plants.



Joseph Zundell and Sean Lastorka work together to clear out brush.

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Sports

Lady Lions Break Losing Streak

BY CARLY KING
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

Despite the many struggles of being in college, the Saint Leo University Women's Basketball team brought only their game with them when they stepped on the court to play against Eckerd January 19th. The win against rival school broke a five game losing streak. The win on that night was significant for more than breaking the streak; it was also the lions first conference win this season. Many Leo players were under the spotlight as they gave it all they had to defeat Eckerd.

For Senior Brittany Carannante, the night was special also. She set a new career high for herself scoring 28 points. That's not all Brittany contributed though; she showed her true ability to be a leader as she led the Lions in steals and assist. As a team, the Lions held strong on both offense and defense as sophomore Chanelle Patton racked up 10 rebounds and Chelsea Williams played hard in the paint adding 8 points to the score. The Lions showed their strengths all over throughout the whole game even at the free throw line making 20 of 26. The Saint Leo University Lions showed up as a team, played as a team, and won as a team.

The Lady Lions Basketball team is filled with talent from the senior class down to the new additions in the freshman class. The women's basketball team has been growing together as a team throughout the season and although they have had some difficulty winning games, they found what works on Eckerd. The girls on the team never stop working their hardest and always show up to every game with a fresh start brushing off any possible upsets from before. It's always exciting to win a game but even more exciting when a team can win a game and say it was because they stepped up in every aspect of the game they play. The Lady Lions showed strengths against Eckerd that will hopefully continue as they prepare to play Palm Beach Atlantic over the weekend. Check SaintLeoLions.com online for home game times and come out to support the Lady Lions.

Chelsea Williams dribbles the fast break Photo Courtsey of Mike Carlson

Chelsea Connelly dribbles past opponent Photo Courtsey of Mike Carlson

A New Addition to the Lion's Family

Paul and Jack Mangen Photo Courtsey of Kristy Marques

BY KATIE DAVID
Lions' Pride Staff Writer

On Dec. 8, 2010, Paul Mangen and Melissa Miller-Mangen welcomed their first child into the world. The proud parents named their son John Michael Mangen and are nicknaming him Jack.

The Mangen family is fortunate to live where it is a great place to raise a family. Both parents are from the Midwest and living here feels like home. Paul says that being a father has helped in the patience factor of coaching. Even before he was a father, he looked at his athletes like his kids. But now he is able to better understand his athletes as being a parent gives him a fresh perspective.

"I think Paul has plenty on his plate right now. He's showing his true colors by overcoming adversity and being able to jungle everything in a healthy manner while coaching the Lions and raising a beautiful baby," said men's swim junior Carlos Araque.

When asked how being a father has changed his life, Mangen said, "I have a stronger sense of responsibility overall as it pertains to how I live my life and how my work gives me the opportunity to influence others."

Paul has been the head coach of the men's and women's swim team for two years. Originally from Celina, Ohio, he attended Wheeling Jesuit University. At Wheeling Jesuit, he was a fourteen time Blue Grass Mountain Conference Champion as well as an eight time NCAA All American selection. Before coming to coach the Lions, Paul coached at Wright State.

Melissa has been coaching both the men's and women's cross country teams for the past three years. Born in Portland, Michigan, she attended Central Michigan University where she was a seven time Mid American All-Conference honoree as well as other honors. She then attended Saginaw Valley State where she earned her Masters of Education. At the University of South Florida, Melissa was the assistant coach of both the cross country and track and field teams. When she first came to Saint Leo University, she was the assistant coach before becoming the head coach.

When asked how being a mother has changed her life Melissa said, "I have a new perspective of being patient and enjoying moments as opposed to always being busy with busy work and trying to move on to the next project."

"Melissa's more upbeat and positive. She's really looking forward to the track season coming up and is optimistic for success," said freshman cross country runner Andrea Maxwell.

Congratulations to the Mangen Family!

Senior Spotlight

Thomas Rey - Swimming

Senior Thomas Rey swimming breaststroke Photo Courtsey of Mike Carlson

By Mindy Pierce & Jessica Pall
Lions' Pride Sports Editor and Online Editor

Senior swimmer Thomas Rey was born in Tampa, Fla. and is majoring in Communications at Saint Leo University. He has been committed to the Lions' swim team all four years of his college career. Rey lists his greatest achievements as breaking the school record for the men's 800 freestyle relay in the Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championships in 2010 which remains on the record board to date. One of his greatest moments of his swimming career at Saint Leo is getting third place at conference his freshmen year in 2008 in the Sunshine State Conference Championships. Another top achievement Rey remembers is beating Rollins College for the first time in history at the Sunshine State Conference Championships in 2008.

After six years of Rey's swimming life career, he will move on as he will graduate this upcoming May 2011. Rey hopes to get a career as a sports broadcaster after graduation. Come and show support for the Lions' swimming last home meet as all of the seniors will be honored.

The Lions' Pride wishes Thomas Rey the best of luck during his completion of his senior year of swimming as well as his future endeavors!